

**Georgia Selectboard Meeting  
Budget Meeting  
Monday, January 11, 2016  
6:30 p.m.**

**Approved:** February 8, 2016

**Present:** Selectboard: Chris Letourneau; Matt Crawford; Paul Jansen; Mike McCarthy, Town Administrator; Amber Baker, Treasurer

**Absent:** Ric Nye and Tara Wright

**Public Present:** Keith Baker, Pat King and Jamie Cota – Georgia Fire Department

Chris Letourneau, Chair, opened the budget meeting at 6:30 p.m., which was continued from January 4, 2016.

Keith, Pat and Jamie are here to discuss the Georgia Fire Department budget with the Selectboard. The Selectboard and Fire Department Officers went over the budget line by line.

Another reason for the Officers to be here is to discuss a fire truck and air packs. We have pushed out a new engine in the capital budget for three years. The truck we have right now is 23 years old; the original plan was to keep the truck for 20. We are hoping to put the truck on the warning this year and get it approved so we could actually order in 2016 and receive delivery in 2017 instead of getting it approved in 2017 and receiving delivery of it 2018. We are looking about \$550,000 for the purchase of the engine. The new tanker was purchase two years ago, which will be paid for in 2016. The Selectboard and Fire Department are questioning rather this need to be put on the ballot as the purchase is in the Capital Budget.

There are three issues, how are we going to pay for the truck, do we have to go in front of the voters for the purchase of the truck, and what is the right number to be put in this budget for reserve fund. Mike will do some research on these questions and bring back to the Selectboard with the answers.

Keith also has a part two request. The air packs are not going away. We have tried twice now, unsuccessfully for grants. We are putting a lot of money into repairs and having a lot of failures with the packs that we have. Quite honestly we need to look at replacing those out. The air packs are old and they have changed the standards regarding the bell going off. Eventually they will start phasing the bottle out on these packs. We currently have 19 air packs. What Keith was looking at to start with was to buy 12 air packs, which would essentially outfit the current engine. They are about \$7,200 each.

The cost would be \$97,000 and that would include a spare bottle for each, which is a requirement. These air packs were discussed a couple of years ago because they never made it onto the Capital Budget Plan. Keith was able to find out, to the best of his knowledge, originally the packs were bought with fire trucks so they never got separated as a separate category.

It is the general consensus of the Selectboard for the Fire Department to move forward with purchasing the air packs. The Treasurer will look into how they are going to be paid for and bring back to the Selectboard for action.

Motion made to continue the budget meeting until January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., made by Paul, second by Matt. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Krissy Jenkins

Thursday, January 14, 2016, next budget meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25, 2016, next regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m.